

Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Meeting at Brentwood Town Office
Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2021

Present: Michelle Siudut (Chair), Jack Mitchell, Alina Arida, Andrew Artimovitch

Visitors: Ken Christiansen, Albert Belanger, David Mener, Joyce Keegal, Letty Bedard

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jack, seconded by Andy to approve minutes of October 20, 2021 meeting, as amended; approved unanimously.

Draft minutes of site visits were distributed for review.

Updates from Selectmen

Andy - Tax rate was set. There has been a wage adjustment in attempt to attract more firemen; they will not ask for pay raise in next year's budget, there will only be a wage adjustment. The fire department does have a pay matrix, based on education and experience level.

Budgets

General Government. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to reopen. Selectmen reopened to add \$2550 funding for three newsletters, up to town meeting. Motion by Andy, seconded by Alina to approve the revised budget amount of \$31,547; passed unanimously 4-0-0. Alina asked if any discussion about a contract has occurred, Andy said no. Selectmen will write the warrant article.

Code enforcement. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to discuss. There is an increase for salary and travel/mileage. Kip also does compliance work and acts as Clerk of the Works. It was noted that revenue for this year has exceeded expenses. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to approve \$68,468; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Cemetery. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to discuss. Increase of \$46 for health/retirement. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to approve \$13,013; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Conservation. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to discuss. Level funded. Due to unspent funds \$7,302.93 was transferred to the Conservation Fund, which is a fund that can be used to help purchase conservation land. There is consideration of purchasing Mill Road property. Motion by Andy, seconded by Alina to approve \$13,652; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Health Officer. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to approve \$1; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Planning Board. Motion by Andy, seconded by Alina to discuss. They have added a line of \$3500 for Economic Development Plan Creation. Andy moved to table to give time for further review; seconded by Jack; passed unanimously 4-0-0. Andy will send additional info.

Zoning Board. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to discuss. Decrease to wages which will now come out of planning board; adding a legal line of \$998. There is an overall budget decrease of 5%. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Budget Committee. Motion by Andy, seconded by Alina to approve \$500; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Finance. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to discuss. This budget includes a position that won't be filled, which is the reason for the decrease in wage line. Motion by Andy, seconded by Jack to \$84,016; passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Other Business

Andy said the Police Chief position has been posted.

Motion by Jack, seconded by Andy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Upcoming Meetings - Meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm at Town Office

November 17, 2021

December 1, 2021

December 8, 2021

December 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut, Acting Secretary